

RESOLUTION NO. 16-353

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Ms. Tonita K. Phipps will be honored as the recipient of the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumna of the Year Award during the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter's 15th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet, to be held at the Ernest L. Knight Center on Saturday, June 4, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Tonita K. Phipps is a native Huntsvillian and has been the Director of the Madison County Department of Human Resources since July 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Phipps graduated from Alabama A&M University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor's Degree in social work in July 1987. In May 1992, she received her Master of Social Work degree from Boston University's School of Social Work. Ms. Phipps received a certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education for Senior Executives in State and Local Government in July 2012. Ms. Phipps currently serves as the Chair of Oakwood University's and Alabama A&M University's Social Work Advisory Boards. She has served as the President of the Alabama Association of County Directors of Human Resources from 2012-2014. She currently serves as immediate past president of this association; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Phipps began her social work career at the Lurleen B. Wallace Center in Decatur, Alabama. After receiving her Master's Degree in Boston, Massachusetts, she returned to Huntsville and worked briefly as the Youth Services Coordinator with the Huntsville Housing Authority. Her career with the Department of Human Resources began in January of 1993 as a senior social worker. Prior to being appointed as the director of the Morgan County Department of Human Resources in 2005, she held positions as supervisor, program supervisor/conversion manager and assistant director of child welfare. In her capacity as the Director of the Madison County Department of Human Resources, she serves on various community boards and works closely with organizations in Madison County as an advocate for the needs of children and families; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Phipps is a member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, the Unity Choir and the School Board Ministry. She is also a member of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby acknowledge, congratulate and extend best wishes to Ms. Tonita K. Phipps on receiving the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumna of the Year Award during the 15th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of May, 2016.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of May, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama